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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Oakland – Ammunition, Tactical Gear Stolen from ICE Agent's Car**

(U) Ammunition and tactical gear were stolen from the locked truck of an immigration agent's official car in Oakland, the latest in a string of thefts from law enforcement vehicles, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement service reported yesterday. The theft, reported to police on Monday, did not involve the loss of firearms. The theft follows a rash of auto burglaries throughout the Bay Area involving vehicles of law enforcement officers, including a gun stolen from a federal Bureau of Land Management ranger's car that was used in the fatal shooting of Kate Steinle on Pier 14.

SOURCE: 20 December 2017, [SF Gate](#)

(U) Pittsburg – Authorities Arrest Eight Men Linked to East Contra Costa Gang

(U) Federal and state authorities arrested several East Contra Costa gang members, charging eight members of the "Broad Day" gang—based in Antioch and Pittsburg—with conspiracy, pimping, gun possession and a number of other felony counts. Contra Costa District Attorney Diana Becton praised the FBI Safe Streets task force for heading up the investigation, calling the arrests "specifically significant to the safety and wellbeing of the citizens of Pittsburg." According to court records, the gang has been linked to at least five homicides in Contra Costa, and is believed to have a violent rivalry with a North Richmond gang that has branched out to Antioch in recent years.

SOURCE: 21 December 2017, [The Mercury News](#)

(U) Sacramento – Gang Crackdown Brings 29 Arrests, 211 Seized Guns

(U) Sacramento officials reported they made 29 arrests and seized 211 firearms as part of a crackdown on gang violence this month. The sweep was organized by city, county and federal law enforcement agencies as more than 200 officers began making arrests and serving more than 30 search warrants last week. The 29 suspects face charges including homicide, robbery, narcotic sales, auto theft, identity theft, firearms trafficking and firearms possession. The seized firearms included assault weapons and machine guns, police said, while many other weapons were illegally altered. Investigators said they also learned much more about the scope of the street gangs in the Sacramento region.

SOURCE: 20 December 2017, [SF Gate](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) District of Columbia – Massive Leak Exposes Data On 123 Million US Households**

(U) Washington – Researchers revealed that earlier this year they discovered a massive database—containing information on more than 123 million American households—that was sitting unsecured on the internet. The cloud-based data repository from marketing analytics company Alteryx exposed a wide range of personal details about virtually every American household, according to researchers at cybersecurity company UpGuard. The leak put consumers at risk for a range of nefarious activities, from spamming to identity theft. Though no names were exposed, the data set included 248 different data

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fields covering a wide variety of specific personal information including address, age, gender, education, occupation and marital status. Other fields included mortgage and financial information, phone numbers and the number of children in the household.

SOURCE: 20 December 2017, [WDBJ 7](#)

(U) Florida – Man Pleads Guilty to Kansas City 9/11 Memorial Bomb Plot

(U) Tallahassee – A Florida man faces up to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to trying to enlist a person to bomb a Kansas City, Missouri, memorial for first responders killed in the September 11 attacks on the United States. Joshua Goldberg waived his right to an indictment and pleaded guilty to attempted malicious damage and destruction by an explosive of a building. Goldberg tried to have the informant make a pressure-cooker bomb and fill it with nails, metal and other items dipped in rat poison, which would be detonated at the Kansas City memorial.

SOURCE: 20 December 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) New York – US Drug Overdose Deaths Rose 21 Percent in 2016

(U) New York City – Life expectancy in the United States fell in 2016 as the number of deaths due to drug overdoses rose more than 21 percent to 63,600, mainly due to opioids, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said today. In 2016, 42,249 people died from opioid-related overdoses, up 28 percent from 2015, while the number of deaths from synthetic opioids other than methadone more than doubled to 19,413. Life expectancy fell for the second year in a row, to 78.6 years, a decrease of 0.1 year from 2015. West Virginia, Ohio, New Hampshire, the District of Columbia and Pennsylvania had the highest age-adjusted drug overdose death rates in 2016, the CDC said.

SOURCE: 21 December 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) New York – Man Sentenced to 15 Years for Plotting to Help ISIS

(U) New York City – A New York City resident who pleaded guilty to conspiring to support the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) was sentenced to 15 years in prison yesterday. Prosecutors said Akhror Saidakhmetov, a 22-year-old citizen of Kazakhstan, tried to travel to Syria to join the militant group. Saidakhmetov was arrested in February 2015 as he was trying to board a plane to Istanbul. Prosecutors said he was planning to travel from there to Syria to join ISIS, along with Abdurasul Juraboev, an Uzbek national living in Brooklyn. Juraboev was also charged in the case. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 15 years in prison in October.

SOURCE: 20 December 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Australia – Police Don't Believe Car Ramming Attack Linked to Terrorism**

(U) Melbourne – An Australian man of Afghan descent with a history of mental health issues drove a car into Christmas shoppers in the city of Melbourne today, injuring 19 people, but police said they did not believe the attack was terror-related. Four of the injured were in critical condition, including a pre-school aged boy who suffered a head injury. Police also detained a 24-year-old man at the scene who was filming the incident and had a bag with knives. Patton said it was "quite probable" the 24-year-old was not involved. The men had not been charged and their names have not been released by police.

SOURCE: 21 December 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Germany – Police Arrest Alleged ISIS Militant in Ice Rink Truck Attack Plot

(U) Karlsruhe – German police arrested a 29-year-old man they said was an active member of ISIS who was plotting a truck attack on an ice rink. "He was considering an attack on the ice rink on the Schlossplatz in Karlsruhe," police in the south-western state of Baden-Wuerttemberg said, adding that

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the suspect was a German citizen whose name they gave only as Dasbar W. "To that end he was assessing areas around Karlsruhe Castle and, from September 2017, had begun seeking employment as a delivery driver - without success," the police statement said. In 2015, the suspect traveled to Iraq to fight for ISIS, receiving weapons training and working as a scout seeking potential attack targets in the city of Erbi. He returned to Germany the following year. Before leaving for Iraq, Dasbar worked for ISIS from Germany, producing propaganda videos and proselytizing to converts in online chat rooms.

SOURCE: 20 December 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mexico – Six Bodies Hung From Bridges Near Tourist Resort

(U) Los Cabos – The bodies of six men were found hanging from three different bridges near the Mexican tourist resort of Los Cabos on the Baja California peninsula yesterday. Authorities did not give details on what happened to the men, but drug gangs often hang the bodies of their murdered victims in public to intimidate rivals. Drug gang violence is set to make 2017 Mexico's deadliest year in modern history. Violent crime has spiked in Baja California, particularly around the once peaceful resort of Los Cabos visited by millions of foreign tourists every year. Additionally, Los Cabos police chief Juan Manuel Mayorga was shot dead last week.

SOURCE: 20 December 2017, [Reuters](#)

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